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Docket No. : 15050  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

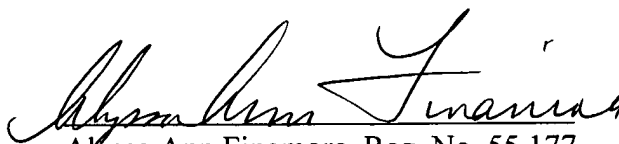
The Applicants thank the Examiner for issuing a Notice of Allowability on the above-identified application.

With reference to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance beginning on page 2 of the Notice, the Applicants note that not all of the features identified in the Statement of Reasons are necessarily required to demonstrate patentability of the invention.

Payment of the issue fee for this application is being submitted concurrently herewith, and the Applicants look forward to grant of a patent on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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**EXPEDITED HANDLING REQUESTED**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE**

As an amendment after allowance, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 3 of this paper.